



## **Waganakising Odawak**

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

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### ***Public Invited to Assist with Sturgeon Release***

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Indians invites you to assist in releasing approximately 500 Lake Sturgeon into the Sturgeon River on September 10<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Participants should meet at the riverside dock located at the entrance of Burt lake State Park overlooking the sturgeon river. The event will start at 6:30 pm and will last about 1 hour.

The fish being released are approximately 5 to 6 inches long. Fish will be tagged so hatchery personal can identify and track the movement of the fish. Each Spring at Sturgeon spawning sites, the harvesting activities create a valuable meeting place for the community, during which Sturgeon is celebrated with special feasts, flesh used for food, oil for medicinal purposes, Stomach linings for drum covers and, Isinglass from the swim bladder for making glue and paint.

Many of the traditional uses are still practiced today. The Anishinaabek are mindful of the balance of nature and continue to take a conservative approach and harvested only what they needed for themselves, for other relatives and for regrowth. For further information please contact Doug Larson at 231- 373 -0576